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## MATERIALS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

Petroleum Branch

Report for the Month of October 1957

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTSA. Research

Completed projects:

1. M/P contribution to ERA Project 10.1510 Chinese Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1962.
2. Preliminary Draft to D/M of NIS 18 - Czechoslovakia, Section 62, Fuels and Power. ERA Project 20.1514.
3. M/P Project 25.874, Petroleum Supply-Demand Balance - Regional Production and Refining in the USSR 1953-56.

B. Other Activities

- 25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED] attended the annual meeting of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, AIME, Dallas, Texas, and witnessed actual

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2. Initiated intelligence maintenance on production of graphite refined from petroleum coke for use in nuclear reactors in support of Project 20.1783.
3. Contributed normal support to other CIA components and to the petroleum intelligence community.

II. PLANS

Prepared report on plans for scheduled project research of the Petroleum Branch as of 1 November 1957 for program review.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

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| A. Total personnel on board 31 October 1957 | 14*  |
| B. Authorized T/O                           | 15   |
| C. Distribution of personnel                |      |
| Professional                                | 12** |
| Clerical                                    | 2    |

\* Includes IAC representative (Army) not counted in T/O.

\*\* Includes intelligence assistant

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- D. Analyst [REDACTED] was carried as on board, 30 September 1957, but he was actually transferred to USSR Electric Power, 16 September 1957.
- 25X1A9a It is assumed [REDACTED] will be available for this slot in January 1958.

- 25X1A9a E. IAC representative, [REDACTED] because of current reduction in the Armed Forces, has been reassigned to this Branch in the rank of Sergeant.

IV. PROBLEMS

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To fill slot vacated by [REDACTED]'s transfer. 25X1A9a

V. RECOMMENDATIONSVI. OTHER - None~~SECRET~~